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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

BRENDA AND DAVE DINGER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COLUMBIA DEBT RECOVERY, LLC,

Defendants.

Case No.:

DEFENDANT COLUMBIA DEBT RECOVERY, LLC'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

King County Superior Court Case No. [N/A]

TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1367, 1441, and 1446, and LCR 101, Defendant Columbia Debt Recovery, LLC ("CDR" or "Defendant"), hereby removes the above-captioned action from the Washington State Superior Court for King County to the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. The bases for removal are federal question jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a). In support of the Notice of Removal, the Defendant states as follows:

1. Plaintiffs Brenda and Dave Dinger served CDR with a Summons and Complaint for an action to be filed in King County Superior Court for the State of Washington on or about May 20, 2025. A true and correct copy of the Summons and Complaint along with any attachments thereto are attached hereto, incorporated herein, and marked Exhibit A.

DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL - 1 (CASE NO.)

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- 2. This removal is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) as Defendant was served with Plaintiff's Summons and Complaint on or about May 20, 2025.
- 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446 and LCR 101(c) Exhibit A contains all records, proceedings, and documents from the state court proceeding.
- 4. The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, in that Plaintiff has made claims against the Defendants alleging violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq.
- 5. Removal is proper if an action includes a claim "arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States." 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 6. The FDCPA allows claims under that statute to "be brought in any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy." 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).
- 7. The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law claims asserted by Plaintiff because those claims form part of the same case or controversy as Plaintiff's FDCPA claims. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

DATED: June 19, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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This case has not been filed in King County Superior Court. However, below is contact information for the following:

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I certify that a true and correct copy of the Notice of Removal was provided to all counsel via electronic means.

DATED: June 19, 2025 Respectfully submitted,

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